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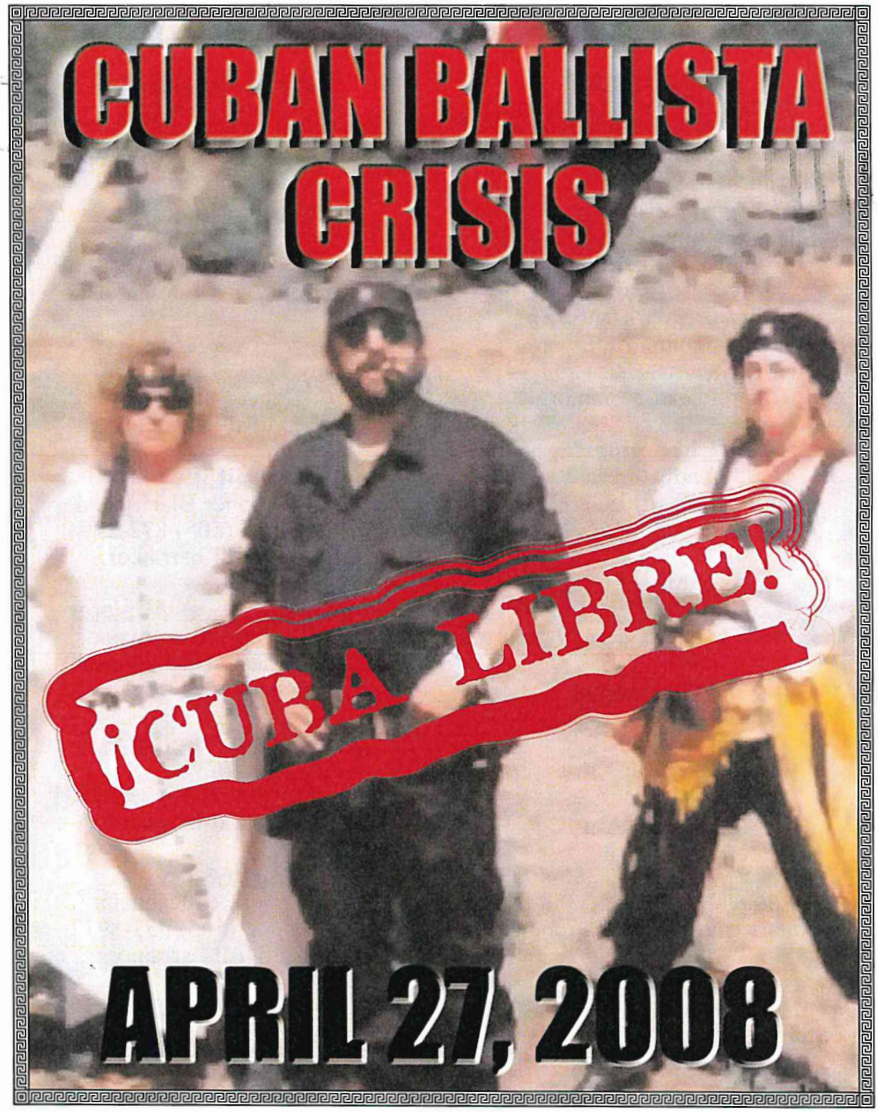

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Baron and Baroness of al-Barran

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Protector of the Baroness's Heart.....Kendrick MacPherson

Champion Archer.....Lord Djurig von Aukring known as Druid

Baronial Arts and Science Champion.....Sir Bohemond

From the Baron & Baroness

Greetings to the grand populous of al-Barran! We would like to thank Kata Hrafnsdottir and Talia de Meath for a fun day at Winter Wolf. The weather added to a glorious day of fighting. Congratulations to the new Champions. Lunch and the bardic entertainment were superb! Thank you as well to all the people who helped make this event a success. We had a wonderful time!

Congratulations to Their Highnesses Crown Prince Boleslav and Crown Princess Astrid. Welcome also to Our new cousins in the Citadel, Baron Nikolaus von Stahlburg and Baroness Aine inghean Cormac. May their time be as fruitful and fun filled as their predecessors.

The 27th of this month is the Cuban Ballista Crisis part Deux. We need your help to TAKE BACK CUBA and CRUSH the Peoples Republic of Fedala Castro! There will be heavy fighting, light fighting, archery and trebuchet. There will also be a local merchant with food and drink for purchase if desired.

We will be travelling north to Fontaine dans Sable for Sworded Affaire this month. We hope to see MANY of you there as well. Please come help Us support Our cousins at this event!

With all that being said, we still have more to do. There will be lots to do for the rest of the year so please volunteer to help. Grand Outlandish is just around the corner and promises to be loads of fun! ARRRRRh!

Please stay tuned to your local Shaft and tell a friend about getting this great publication.

al-Barran Trivia (for Champions and trivia connoisseurs)
There are three documented spellings of our Barony
al-Barran
al-Baran
al-Barron
The current accepted form is al-Barran

The Lineage of Barons and Baroness of al-Barran
Sir Raymond the Quiet
Sir Stefan of the Wanderers and Mistress Beau Marishka of the Romanies
Duke Koris
Sir Stefan of the Wanderers and Mistress Beau Marishka of the Romanies
Sir Needham I Bledsoe and Mistress Susan the Midwife
Sir Kragon of Lands End and Mistress Sarah de Montgomerie
Sir Alexander Eriksson Trevor and Lady Fermina Caballo
Master Ryan and Mistress Tana à l'Esprit Fort
Sir Gregor von Munchaasen and Lady Monika the Fair

Gregor **Baron** *Monika* **Baroness**

From the Chronicler

Greetings, al-Barran. So, my continuous nagging has paid off. After receiving both permission for the Kingdom Chronicler and the Baronial Seneschal, The Baronial Shaft is now allowed to have advertisements in the publication. So, if you have business related to the SCA genre, please feel free to contact me by phone or email for more information.

Just to give you an example of what businesses can and cannot advertise, I will use Sir Seth's brilliant example:

If you sell rattan for swords: YES, YOU CAN ADVERTISE!
If you sell rattan furniture: NO, YOU CANNOT ADVERTISE!

Once again, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or email.

In Service,
Lady Teresa MacDuffie

From the Senechal

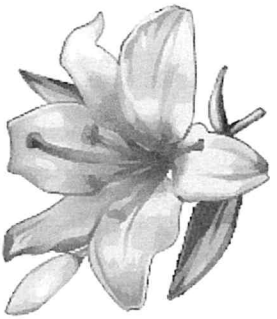
Greetings unto the grand and noble populace of al-Barran. I hope the words find you in good spirit and health. Congratulations to Lord Li Guang Ming for winning the 9' spear tourney. His win will place him in the final tourney of the season which will be a contest of five weapons styles!

The second tourney will take place on April 20th at Battan Park at approximately 11:00 a.m. It will be a single sword over a barrier tourney, best two out of three and double elimination.

To enter there will be a $1.00 entry fee and you must have a current combat authorization card. The entry fees will be donated to the baronial coffers.

Though not required (yet), it is highly encouraged that you wear a lady's favor and display your heraldry upon the field! So I ask the might warriors of al-Barran to shake off the winter cold and claim the list field as yours!

YIS,
Sir Seth Williamson of Exeter



From the Mistress of the List

Welcome Spring! I, Lady Bevin send greetings to all. I had a great time this past month, running lists for the Prize Tournament to benefit Lady Saeloman and also at Winter Wolf. The fighters of this grand Barony and the college of Blaiddwyn are most gracious and wonderful. There will be training sessions at fighter practice to learn about running lists. I will need plenty of volunteers to help run tourneys at Grand Outlandish in May.

I will be at the park most Sundays, with the classes to begin around 12:30. No supplies are needed by the students but I highly recommend reading the Kingdom Handbook for Minister of the Lists available on-line at the Outlands web page. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact me and I will be happy to provide you with a copy. April brings exciting opportunities with Sworded Affair in Fontaine on April 5th and the monthly Prize tourney for al-Barran on April 20th at fighter practice. For the prize tourney you will need $1 and your current green authorization card to enter the lists. April 27th brings us to Fontaine to claim once again the beautiful lands of Cuba at the Cuban Ballista Crisis Part Deux. Our outstanding and talented Siege Engineers are working diligently to whoop some butt! Come join the fun!

Also please join us at Torrance County Park on April 12th and May 3rd at 10:00am both days to clean up the site for Grand Outlandish! May we all enjoy the beautiful Spring weather together! Sharpen your blades, polish your helms, strengthen you skills and let°òs have a wonderful time this season as we welcome the blossoms of new friendships and opportunities.

In Service to the Barony,
Lady Bevin

Court Dancing

There will be Court Dance practices at fighter practice on Sundays, April 20 and 27 at Bataan Park, from 12:00 to 2:00pm. Everyone, age 7 and up, is welcome at our court dance practices. Bataan Park is at the NW corner of Lomas and Carlisle. Court dance practices at Blaiddwyn are led by Lady Dovey on the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings on the top floor of the Student Union Building at UNM, 7-9pm. You can email Lady Dovey at alzarqa13@yahoo.com.

For more information concerning court dancing in al-Barran, please contact Lady Jayne at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu or join the al-Barran Music and Court Dance discussion list at: http://groups..yahoo.com/group/alBarranMusic_Dance/. This free yahoo discussion list will give you the latest information concerning dance practices and Scorpion Scales music practices in al-Barran.

Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Jayne Barber

In Search of a New Reeve

I have finished the Doomsday for 2007 and everything balances. If you wish to see it please let me know and I can either send you an Excel file or print off a hard copy for you.

I am looking for deputies. If you are interested please send your resume to me and the Seneschal.

There will be gate classes at the park on the following days starting at 12:30 weather permitting:

March 30th
April 13th
April 27th
May 4th

If you are interested in helping out with Gate duties at any event I suggest that you take the classes. The more people that I have the less work it will be for all.

Lady Sile inghean Duibh Darach
Reeve

From the Scribe

Greetings. Considering that it's been a few months since our last local event, scribal activities here have been a little scant. But fortunately, the Crown of the Outlands has had much use for the talents of al-Barran's scribes. The following scribes have used their expertise for the good of the Kingdom...

For Estrella:
Mistress Monika completed a Stag's Blood for Chagatai.
Mistress Ymanya completed an Award of Arms scroll for Tyrvalr.

For Crown Tournament:
Mistress Ymanya completed two scrolls...one was a Walker of the Way for Bennet Murray, and a Queen's Grace for Hrothgar Monomakh.
Lady Odile completed a Stag's Heart for Gunndiarfr Magnusarson.
Lady Dovey also did a back scroll for Sveinn Grimmarson's Stag's Blood.

In other news, I am in search of a deputy who will take over this office when I retire, which will be later this year. If you are at all interested, please contact me off list, call me at home, or meet with me personally. Thank you in advance for your interest.

Semper Vigilans,
Michael M'Quilline
Scribe of al-Barran

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CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

We will be having a calendar fundraiser in 2008 for 2009 calendars. We'll have **THREE** versions to choose from: *Life in al-Barran, WAR!: Fighting in al-Barran,* and a special edition calendar that you will have to see to believe! Right now I am requesting the wonderful citizens of al-Barran to submit photos for the calendars. So if you have any cool A&S or fighting photos, please send them our way. For more information you can contact Lady Teresa MacDuffie at (505) 299-0950

From the Grand Outlandish Autocrat

The time has come for us to hoist our sails and plot our course for Grand Outlandish XXXV. Their Excellencies Gregor and Monica do request you to sharpen your cutlass and prepare your boarding parties for this years Nautical theme which is sure to have something to please everyone's taste. You can be sure to see:

ROAMING SHIP BATTLES
SIEGE COOKING (LIKE NO OTHER)
BOARDING PARTIES BATTLES
MERCHANT SHIPS FROM AROUND THE WORLD
WORLD CLASS ARCHERY
AND FIELD GAMES FOR ONE AND ALL.

Site Fees are as follows:
Early arrival from Wednesday is $25.
Thursday through Saturday arrival is $20.
Sunday arrival only $10.
Family Cap PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY (2 adults and any children under the age of 18):
Wednesday arrival $65
Thursday through Saturday arrival is $50.
No Family Cap for Sunday arrivals.
Children's fees ages 6-17 Wednesday arrival $15
Thursday through Saturday arrival $10
Sunday arrival is $5
There is the $3 non-member fee for any day arriving.

Please see the Grandoutlandish.org site to pre-registration for the event and for more information.

So make your plans to weigh anchor and set course for the rolling grassy plains of Torrance County Park from May 22nd at 12pm through the 26th at 12pm. So, come along and enjoy al-Barron's Hospitality and a little Pyrate Mischief.

THL JC Whoreschum
505-315-6095

Getting to Know the Populace

In the lush green land of Wales, resides a monument to the last Welsh king. It is called Llanberris. The Honorable Lady Diana Llanberris, a noblewoman from the 15th century, hearkens from this area. Best known for her skill with a needle, THL Diana has enriched al-Barran and the Outlands with her service work. She has developed teaching materials and taught classes from simple tunic making to metal thread embroidery. A highly prolific seamstress as well as talented, Her Ladyship has produced an astounding 350 war tabards as well as custom tabards', banners and favors. Her handwork is diverse and beautiful ranging from metal thread on kid leather for the Baronial kneeling cushions' to embroidered scorpions on the loaner garb.

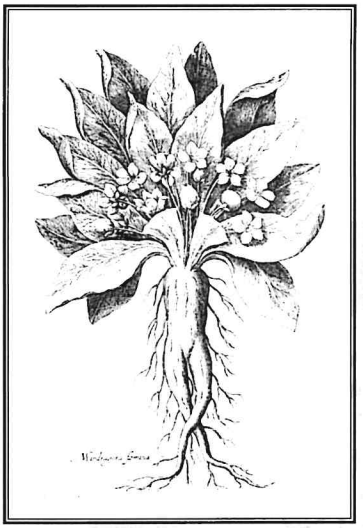
THL Diana's first event was a Roast and Boast held in the park in September, 1996. There she was greeted by Lady Barbara who set her up with handouts and phone numbers. She has been active ever since. She was a Deputy Hospitaller for several years. In 2004 she moved into the Hospitaller position, where she promptly created the Hospitaller Handbook. Together with Her Grace Elisheva, she was active with the Newcomers Household, ensuring a welcome place for newcomers to assimilate into the current middle ages. THL Diana has been everything from field marshal, water bearer, officer, to gate and kitchen duty. Her awards include an Award of Arms, Stags Heart, Russian Thistle, Scorpion, Flower and a Heart of the Scorpion.

Her Ladyship Diana, met her lord, Lord Rosalio de Vizacaya, while attending The Nobel Court of French King Charles the Eighth. Lord Rosalio's Spanish charm swept her off her feet in true and lasting love. He has also contributed to the society in many ways, from building new thrones to creating knights chains.

In the mundane world, Diana is a Claims Manager for an attorney firm. Lord Rosalio (Daniel), is the Senior Operations Manager with an international securities company. Together they have seven sons.

The SCA is home to many talented and diverse people. THL Diana and Lord Rosalio are indeed talented and have been a great resource to our society locally and kingdom wide.info are retained.

The Curious Quill



No other plant is as steeped in myth and superstition as Mandragora officinarum, commonly known as the mandrake or devil's apples. Its forked, tuberous root resembles the human form and was esteemed as an aphrodisiac and a cure for sterility. Part of its mystique, is its ability to phosphoresce. The berries contain chemical substances that can react with dew causing a pale light. This was attributed to spirits and magical forces. The mandrake is poisonous, containing potent sedative and painkilling alkaloids. In sufficient quantities these compounds induce unconsciousness.

Its narcotic hallucinogenic properties were exploited in magic rituals during ancient and medieval times. Stories surrounding this plant abound.

According to folklore, digging up a mandrake causes the plant to shriek, which will kill the perpetrator. Flavius Josephus, a Jewish general, statesman and historian of the first century A.D., described the perils of harvesting the mandrake. While the glow made it easy to locate, the herb shrank back when approached; and merely touching it could prove fatal. The way to collect it was to dig carefully all around it until only a small portion of the root remained covered. The collector would lash a dog to the root and walk away. The dog would pull the root free in a suicidal effort to rejoin its master. But in exchange for the dog's death, according to Josephus, the master obtained an infallible charm against demons.

Witches were said to prefer to harvest mandrake roots from beneath a gallows tree. The hanged man had to have been a "pure youth." That meant a congenital criminal who had been wicked from conception and devoted his whole life to crimes. The newly

harvested root was given special treatment. It had to be bathed in wine, clothed with silk and velvet, and fed every week, preferably with a stolen sacramental wafer from holy communion.

In the Song of Solomon there are references to its aphrodisiacal properties, when the maiden invites her lover into the fields where "mandrakes give forth fragrance". In the book of Genesis Rachel, daughter of Laban, was only successful in bearing a son after taking a dose of mandrake roots.

The fertility aspect of the mandrake continued up the centuries to the 17th century poet John Donne, who wrote, "Get with child a mandrake root".

The mandrake is a short-stemmed , rosette-forming perennial. It is an attractive plant with upward-facing, bell-shaped flowers and aromatic yellow fruits. The mandrake is distributed from the Mediterranean regions to the Himalayas. It likes dry, sunny areas with an alkaline pH, and dislikes cold wet conditions. Its roots are harvested during dormancy and grated fresh for extraction of juices or dried for use in decoctions. The roots were used as a painkiller, aphrodisiac, and treatment for nervous disorders. This plant is very toxic and today some countries have legal restrictions surrounding it.

Mandragora, the plant's ancient Greek name, may be a corruption of the Assyrian name nam tar ira, "male drug of Namtar", since the plant was reputed to cure sterility. The mandrake is best used for decorative borders rather than magical rites.

From the Heavy Weapons Coordinator of G.O.T.

The God's have smiled upon my past feats of Glory and Valor. They deemed me worthy for some reason, and now I send you this dispatch. Tengri Lord of Heaven and Earth the Mongol God, has smiled upon us all at this time and place. Behold!!! I have had a vision! I see the vanquished feeding the ravens. I see the Victors indulgant with the spoils of War. The desert lands of al-Barran grow plush from the blood-letting. Desert flowers bloom in the Carnage. Suddenly my vision fades ... and is gone.

Do you desire the Glory and fame, that come from standing over the vanquished? Do you have the Sea Legs it is going to take to be Victorious at this years GOT. If truly, you have the Heart, the Prowess, and the Sea Legs the desert lands of al-Barran is the place for Maritime Mayhem. We will have traditional battles such as 30 year war, Stag's Blood vs. the world, a ship battle(better have your sea-legs), woods battle, open field battle, and a single sword melee. Let's not forget Tournaments such as the Lord of Outlandish, Citadel speed, Templer torch-light, Landed Barons, and a Bannerette sponsored by the college of Blaiddwyn. So make your way to al-Barran for G.O.T. and bring your Sea-Legs, because you will need them.

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A Blending of the Past and Present

Over the past seventeen years in an ongoing effort, I have been collecting bits of useful information from various newsgroups, mail lists and articles submitted to me by their authors. In order to make this information available to others, I have placed this information in a collection of files I call Stefan's Florilegium.

The Florilegium is on the web at: http://www.florilegium.org I am always interested in new articles. If you have written an article that would be of interest to others in the SCA, please send it to me for possible inclusion in the Florilegium. A&S documentation and class handouts will also often work out well.

I am also interested in volunteers who might be interested in helping me maintain the Florilegium. Everything from collecting materials, editing and web work is needed. Again, please contact me for more details. THLord Stefan li Rous Ansteorra stefan at florilegium.org

Here are the new files for this month:

In the ARCHERY section:

archr-defense-art"Defensive Combat Archery Techniques" by Sir Jon Fitz-Rauf, R.C.A., R.C.Y. Bow-a-Buckler-art "Bow and Buckler Competition" by Sir Jon Fitz-Rauf, R.C.A., R.C.Y.

In the ENTERTAINMENT section:

Mancala-art "Mancala" by THL Dagonell Collingwood. A family of Middle Eastern board games.

In the FOOD-MEATS section:

bacon-msg Medieval bacon.

In the FOOD-UTENSILS section:

bone-utn-care-msg Caring for bone and bone-handled utensils.

In the SCRIBAL ARTS section:

L-Legal-Docs-art "Large Legal Documents" by Lady Rebecca the Contrary.

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13 - Fighter & Rapier Practice	14 - Blaiddwyn Bellydance Practice	15	16 - Scribes' Workshop - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	
20 - Fighter & Rapier Practice - Court Dance Practice	21 - Gammer Gurton's Needle - Blaiddwyn Court Dance Practice	22 - CITIZEN'S MEETING	23 - Scribes' Workshop - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	
27 - Fighter & Rapier Practice - Court Dance Practice - CUBAN BALLISTA CRISIS PART DEUX	28 - Blaiddwyn Bellydance Practice	29	30 - Scribes' Workshop - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	

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Email your event to chronicler@al-

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DAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3	4	5 - Westside Fighter Practice - Archery Practice - A SWORDED AFFAIRE
10	11 - Weaving Knowledge	12 - Archery Practice - DRAGONSSPINE KINGDOM A&S
17	18	19 - Westside Fighter Practice - Archery Practice - UNSER HAFEN DANSE
24	25 - ARTICLES & ARTWORK DUE FOR BARIONAL SHAFT	26 - Archery Practice - READSTAN MOUNTAIN MAYHEM - MAYDAY

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APRIL
5 Fontaine dans Sable
A Sworded Affaire*
12 Dragonsspine Kingdom
Arts & Sciences
19 Unser Hafen
Danse Mystere & Baronial
Investiture*
26 Readstan Mountain
Mayhem
26 Caer Galen May Day
27 Cuban Ballista Crisis
part Deux (Cuba, NM)*

MAY
21-26 Grand Outlandish*

JUNE
27-29 Quest for Valhalla*

JULY
10-13 Lonely Mountain
Defender*

AUGUST
22-23 Clann War*

** ATTENDED BY ONE OR BOTH OF THEIR EXCELLENCES*

LIKES:

Dogs
Doritos
Really Big Feathers

DISLIKES:

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Dry Sites
Onions

HOBBIES:

Rapier Combat
Scribal Art
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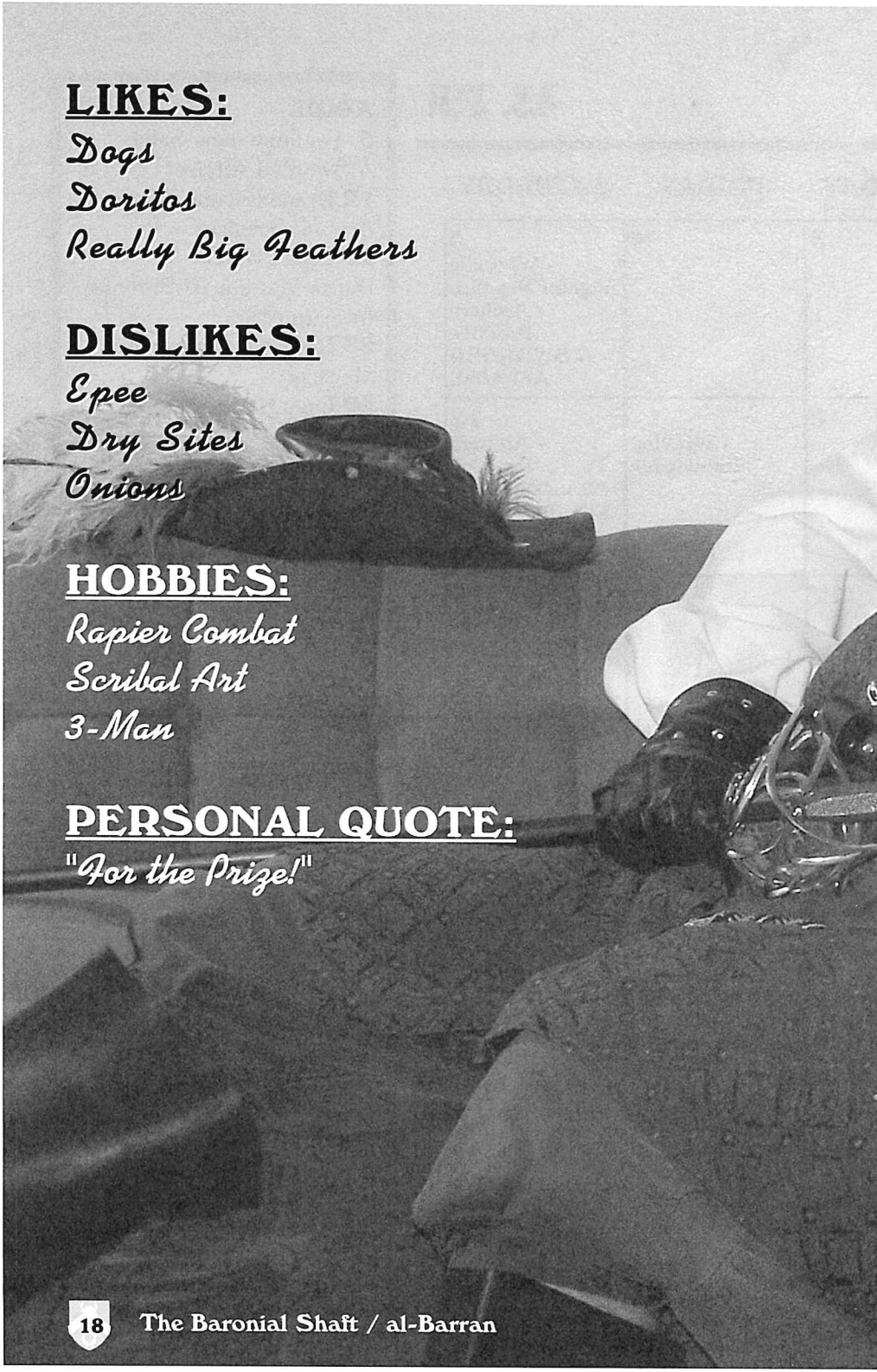
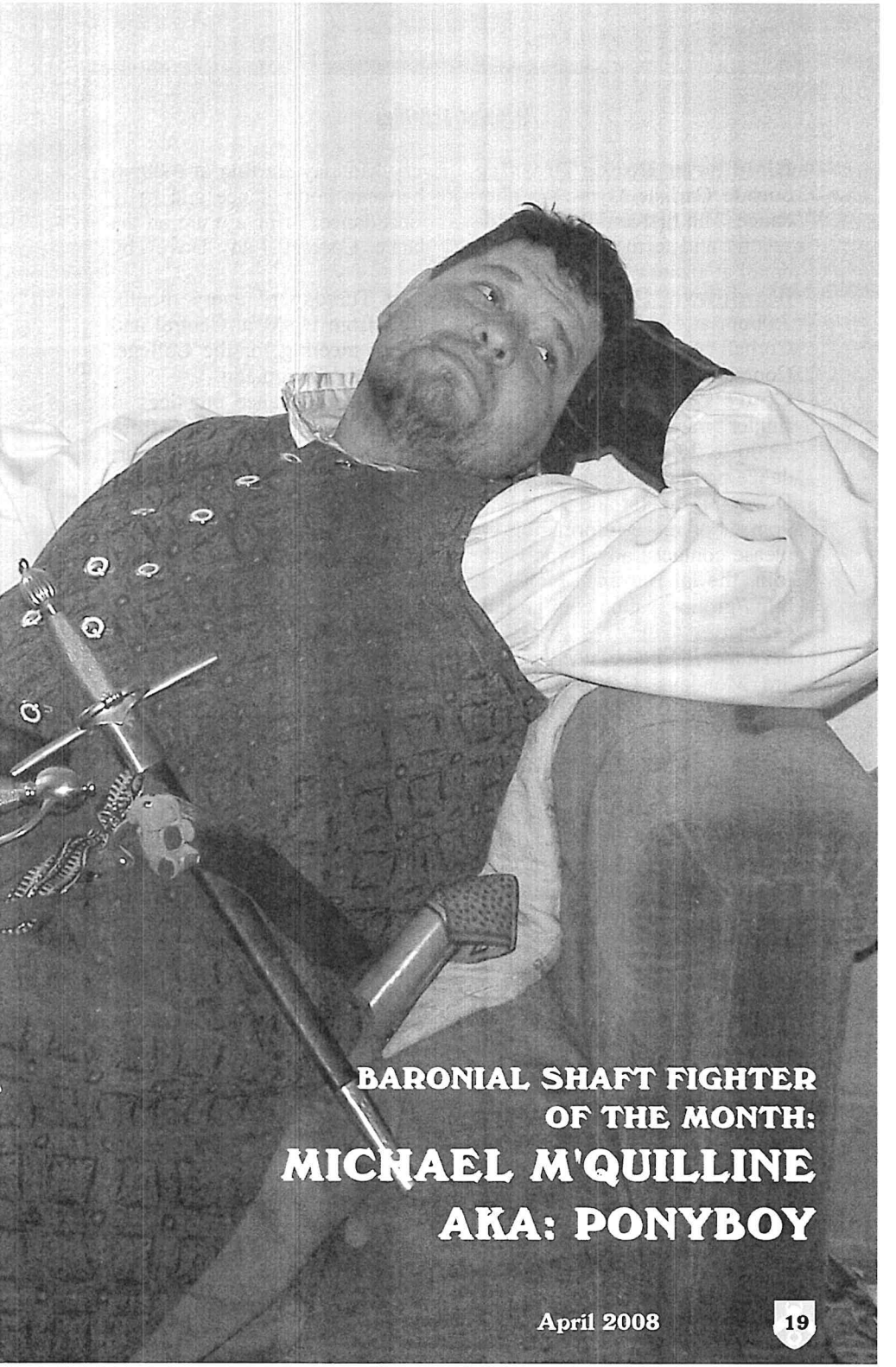
PERSONAL QUOTE:

"For the Prize!"





BARONIAL SHAFT FIGHTER OF THE MONTH:
MICHAEL M'QUILLINE
AKA: PONYBOY

Regular Activities

Blaiddwyn Dance Practice: Every Monday starting at 6:00pm outside Carlisle Gym. We alternate between court dance and belly dance. The first and third Monday is court dance. Bring a drum on the second and forth Monday for belly dance. Contact: Lady Dovey by email at alzarqa13@yahoo.com.

Blaiddwyn Populace Meeting: 1st Tuesday of every month, 7:00pm at the Frontier Restaurant across from UNM at Central and Cornell. All are welcome to this business meeting for the College. Contact: Lord Rab, 362-6032 or by email at sca@unm.edu.

Court Dance Practice: There will be Court Dance practices at fighter practice on Sundays, April 20 and 27 at Bataan Park, from 12:00 to 2:00pm. Everyone, age 7 and up, is welcome at our court dance practices. Court dance practices at Blaiddwyn are led by Lady Dovey on the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings at the SUB at UNM, 7-9pm. For more information concerning court dancing in al-Barran, please contact Lady Jayne Barber at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu or join the al-Barran Music and Court Dance discussion list at http://groups..yahoo.com/group/alBarranMusic_Dance/.

Gammer Gurton's Needle: The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. GGN meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays. Contact: Lady Rosamond at 865-9082 or ldyrosamond@msn.com OR THL Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com.

al-Barran Youth Team: This team meets to discuss youth activities, plans and important information for youth and parents in al-Barran. There is also a local discussion list for al-Barran youth, parents and volunteers. To join this free yahoo discussion list, go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/al-Barran_Youth_and_Parents/ Please contact Lady Jayne Barber at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453 for additional information.

Scribes' Workshop: Bring a project or come to learn about Calligraphy and Illumination. Scribes gather Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and the workshop now roves around the Barony. Please contact Ymanya at 881-4413 or maramaata@aol.com for meeting location, directions or other questions.

Intro to Bellydancing for Timid Folk: Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at 410 Columbia SE. Contact Lady Saeloman at 265-5319 or spitfiyre@yahoo.com for more information.

Citizens Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. Directions: Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit. Turn South onto Eubank. Continue on Eubank past Central and turn left onto Southern Ave. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth, parking is on the back side. Contact: seneschal@al-barran.org.

Fighter Practice: Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; the park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. Contact:THL Chinua, 220-3136.

Rapier Practice: Sunday afternoons at Bataan Park; the park is on the northside of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. Contact: Ld. JT Whoreschum, 304-3391.

Westside Fighter Practice: First and third Saturdays from 11am to 1pm and Tuesdays from 6pm to 8pm at Snead Park in Rio Rancho. Directions: Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course. Go north on Golf Course to Southern and turn left. Turn right on Nicklaus and go 2 blocks to Casper. Turn left on Casper and go 2 blocks to Snead Loop. The park is half way down on the left. Contact: Sir Chinua (knight-marshal@al-barran.org) or Aimara Baratzuri (aheartgule@gmail.com).

Archery Practice: Held on every Saturday of each month, at 10 am. Wednesday night practices beginning at 6:30 pm are held every other week. Saturday practice range is at Sir Tore's land in the east mountains. Wednesday practice range is at Sir Stefan's home in town. Contact: Lady Lyneya del Filde for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org.

Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice: Held on Wednesdays starting at 7:00 pm. Fighter practice is held on Johnson Field. Directions: Go west from Redondo and Yale and turn right into the first parking lot, traverse the length of the parking lot and to the right: go up between Northup hall and Carlisle Gym. Fighter practice will be on the left. Please note: According to the UNM
Parking website they will be enforcing parking regulations until 8 pm. Contact: Josh, the Blaiddwyn Knight Marshal, by email at kobbie44d@msn.com.

Newcomers Household Meeting: Held at 2830 Florida NE at 6:30pm. These are informal meetings to discuss/learn about various subjects such as preparing for a camping event, the meaning of honor, how to make a T-tunic, protocol, etc. A newcomer is being defined as a member for less than 2 years, but all are welcome. Contact THL Christopher Blackwood at 872-2994.

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops: Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. Contact: Lady Monika at 323-5569 for more information and directions.

Sworded Affair: Dead Men Tell No Tales

April 5, 2008
Tibbetts Middle School
312 E. Apache Farmington, NM 87401
Site Opens: 8am • Site Closes: 9pm
Site Fee: $8 adults $4 children (5-12) (includes feast)
Site is DRY

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Feastocrats: Lady Beatrice Moffat and Lord Robert Moffat

Ahoy Mateys! Their Excellencies, Qara Gan and Ceara, invite the mighty Rapier fighters to join them for a day of clashing swords. Shiver me Timbers! The autocrats have put together a mighty fine list of tournaments. Join us for a Bar Room Brawl. Find out why all the Rum is gone. Play a game of Pirate Dice or Walk the Plank and Find yerself in Davy Jones Locker. Fighters please bring an item for the Prize Table. Dust off that skull and crossbones, brush up on yer pirate talk, sharpen yer blades and join us for Dead Men Tell No Tales! Lady Beatrice and Lord Robert have begun preparations for a feast fit or any pirate. We'll be whetting our appetites with Land Lover's Pie, Fish Eye Pudding and other tasty morsels. Please contact Lord Robert with any food allergies. at mllewis9171@msn.com. For Merchant Information please contact Lady Melangell Dwn at forgotten101@yahoo.com

Directions: From the North take 550 South to Aztec. Follow the Aztec HWY into Farmington. Stay on Main St. until you get to Butler Ave. Turn Right on Butler. The next street is Apache St. Go through the light and turn left onto Comanche for Parking. From the South take 550 North to Bloomfield. Turn Right onto US 64 and follow it into Farmington until you reach Butler Ave. Turn Right onto Butler. The third light is Apache St. Go through the light and turn left on Comanche for Parking.

Windkeep Some-Thing

Shire of Windkeep
April 5, 2008
Site opens 11:00 AM – closes 10:00 PM
Eagles Lodge, 1600 Thomes Ave, Cheyenne, WY 82001
Site and feast fees: Adult, $10.00, Child 6-12, $5.00;
under 6, free; Family cap, $30.00
There is a $3.00 surcharge for non-members
Make checks payable to SCA - Windkeep

You are invited to the Shire of Windkeep Some-Thing on April 5, 2008. The Household of the Twisted Spoon will be preparing a donation lunch.

There will be tables provided for arts & sciences display. Those who wish to include documentation may compete for a prize. Space will also be available for those who wish just to exhibit.

Classes for the afternoon currently include Middle-Eastern Dancing, Basic Middle-Eastern Clothing, Struck Coins, Gardening, Fighting with Honor discussion and possibly a heraldic consulting table. Also, various board games will be available in the hall throughout the day.

Questions regarding feast may be directed to the Cook. Alcohol is available only through the cash bar on site.

Directions: From Interstate 25, exit at Wyoming Exit 9, East Lincolnway. Go east on Lincolnway approximately 1.6 miles to Thomes Ave. The Eagles Lodge is on the northwest corner of Lincolnway and Thomes.

Event Steward:

Mistress Catriona nic Aoidh
(Katina Wilson), 235 Miller Lane, Cheyenne, WY 82009
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Danse Mystère and Baronial Investiture

Saturday, April 19, 2008
Tri-Pointe Events Center West entrance
3001 8th Ave Evans, CO 80620
Site fee: $10, Family cap of $30
Non-member surcharge of $3 applies.
11am to 11pm

Formal Dance classes & Music rehearsal from 12:30 to 3:30. Dancing commences immediately following court with Bards and Singers dazzling you all night. Dance for hours -- not just a few minutes!

Coffee, Tea, Lemonade served all day & all nightand a well stocked cash bar with dark beers, whiskey and mead – sorry, no outside beverages allowed. Saxon Low Tea [instead of English High Tea] with sweets and savories will be available from 4:30 to 8.

For heartier fare a catered Pauper's Meal of soups and breads will be available from 4:30-8 for $10. Reservations & prepayments for Pauper's Meal required by April 10th after which no refunds can be made.

Directions: From I-25 south or north, take Highway 34 east to Greeley. Turn right [south] on 11th Avenue [stoplight]. Go 2 blocks then turn left [east] on 29th Street Road which goes into the West Entrance parking lot. Highway 85 north from Denver: Turn left [west] at 31st Street [stoplight]. Immediately take a right onto the frontage road. Tri-Pointe Event Center is two blocks down on your left. Turn into main entrance and continue to the right of the building to reach the West Entrance.

Autocrat:
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Caer Galenn May Day Celebration
A Day of Spring Revelry
Featuring the Quest for the Unicorn Horn

Sunday, April 27, 2008
"http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/parks/park_list/overview/rogersgrove.htm"
Roger's Grove, 220 Hover, Longmont, CO
Site open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

O hearken, most glorious Kingdom of the Outlands! The sweet siren call of Spring is upon us, and the Barony of Caer Galen requires the assistance of the Kingdom's budding lords and ladies to come to her aid in locating again the fabled Unicorn Horn. It has come to the attention of the Horn's current guardian that this marvelous and magical device has been whisked away to an otherworldly and fey castle in the sky. We need children of all ages to come and fetch it back for us. The stoutest of heart and mien will be granted the noble task of guarding our Horn for the coming year.

Pets permitted on leashes (please clean up after your pets!)

Site fees:
$5 - ages 12 and up • $3 - ages 11 and below
free - babes in arms • $3 - non-member surcharge

Directions: From 1-25: Take I-25 to Longmont and exit at 119 (exit 240). Take 119 west into Longmont. Turn right at Nelson. Take Nelson to Hover and turn right again. The park is a short hop north of Nelson on the northeast corner of Hover and Boston Ave. *From Boulder:* Take 119 into Longmont and turn left (north) onto Hover. The park is on the northeast corner of Hover and Boston Ave.

Autocrats:
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Mistress Signy von Velden

The Cuban Ballista Crisis

Sunday April 27, 2007
Site Opens: 9am • Site Closes: 5pm
Near Cuba, NM
Fees: There are no site fees.

Hail mighty populace of al-Barran and the Outlands.

Baron Gregor and Baroness Monica call all fighters to arms for invaders have occupied our lands in Cuba. The barony of Fontaine has challenged us to reclaime our lands for they state Cuba rightfully theirs. There is also a new threat brewing with the People's Resistance lead by the Imperialist General Fedallah Castro for he states that Cuba should be a free state for the people's. Both leaders have staked their claim for Cuban land rights and have assembled their armies to challenge our great warriors to heavy weapons, light weapons and archery. Get your armor repaired, your swords taped and tiped, those bows strung and your banners made so we may crush our enemies and keep Cuba safe from further threats.

Come one and all for fun filled day of fighting on Sunday, April 27th. Site fee cost is free so al-Barran lets show who Cuba really belongs to. The site opens at 9am and closes at 5pm and there will be a food and drink vendor on site. This is a discreatly wet site. Come join Their Excellencies of al-Barran and Fontaine dans Sable for The Cuban Ballista Crisis in the highlands of Cuba to decide the fate of these lands.

Directions: Cuba lies approximately 83 miles north of al-Barran and 100 miles south of Fontaine dans Sable along US550. The site is located approximately 1 mile north of Cuba on US550 between mile markers 66 and 67. Turn East on Shroyer Estates Rd (signs and Baronial banners of the right and true holder of this village will mark the road),
Proceed approximately 1/4 mile to the site.

Autocrat: *Natasha Mechislavova*
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Outlands Spring Coronation

Barony of Unser Hafen
May 10th-11th, 2008
Trinity Lutheran Church
3000 35th Ave Greeley CO 80634.

Site Fee: Adults: $10, Children from 6-12 years: $4, under 6 free. Paid reservations (see above) qualify for a $1 discount. A $30 family cap for families (parents and children) applies. *Remember, if you cannot prove membership at the door an additional $3 non-member surcharge will be applied.*

The sun breaks from behind the clouds, warming the lands touched by the cold and banishing the snow. Like the breaking sun above, the Coronation of the Royal Heirs warms our heart with the knowledge that our mighty lands and Royal line continues, a tradition of strength stretching back to ancient days. Come join the Barony of Unser Hafen and our mighty Kingdom as we welcome the newest Crown and heir to that grand tradition in a style befitting Their rank. The Saturday site opens at 10am and closes no later than 9pm. This is a dry site. No chairs from the site may be taken outside.See the May Outlandish Herald or the web site for information on the Sunday site.

Directions: Take the King's Highway to Colorado exit 257A onto US-34 East. Continue East towards Greeley. Turn right on 35th Avenue and the site will be on the left in less than a quarter mile.

Autocrat: *THL Nikolaos Demetriou ho Toxotes (Dan Brandow)*
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Grand Outlandish Tournament XXXV

Barony of al-Barran
May 21-26, 2008

Greetings and Welcome to Grand Outlandish Tournament XXXV! The high seas are calling you to al-Barran! Join us for some Outlandishly naughtical adventures as we take to the seas in search of glory, fame and, of course, booty. Pirates, privateers and all honest sea-faring folk are welcome to partake in the Grandest adventure yet!

To ease your paperwork at gate ...
You MUST pre-register.
Please check out the website
http://www.al-barran.org/GrandOutlandish/prereg.php and look at the Pre-registration page for more information.

Fees for Outlandish: *(Two Adults (18+) and any children under the age of 18 they are responsible for on site. Non-member Surcharge for Adults (including adults included in the family cap) - $3)*

Wednesday, May 21, 2008
(Pre-Registration Required!)
Adults (18+) - $25 • Youth (6-17) - $15 • Children (0-5) - Free
Family Cap (Pre-Registration Required!) - $65
Thursday, May 22, 2008 - Saturday, May 24, 2008
Adults (18+) - $20 • Children (6-17) - $10 • Children (0-5) - Free
Family Cap (Pre-Registration Required!) - $50
Sunday, May 25, 2008 - Beginning at 8am
Guest Rates: Adults (18+) - $10 • Children (6-17) - $5
Children (0-5) - Free

Autocrat: *THL J.T. Whoreschum*
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Quest for Valhalla

Friday, June 27 - Sunday, June 29, 2008
Site Opens: Noon • Site Closes: 3pm
Cedro Peak Campgrounds
11776 Hwy 337, Tijeras, NM 87059
Site is WET
Fees: $10, 13 years and older • $5, 5 - 12 years
Free, 0 - 4 years • $3 non-member fee

The Norse Gods have come to life and are running free through the green hills of al-Barran. In the ways of the old there will be much to do this summer weekend. A QUEST like no other has been planned for all to enjoy. For those who are all about the fighting there will be a Rapier Tournament, Heavy Tournament as well as an Archery Tournament just in case you thought there would be nothing to do. Along with questing, fighting, and much revelry, there will be a most wondrous feast Saturday evening that will leave no one hungry. There will also be a delicious and helpful brunch served Sunday morning. Please contact the food coordinators below with any allergy concerns.

Directions: From Albuquerque proceed East to Exit 175 Tijeras. Continue South on Highway 337 4 1/2 miles to Juan Tomas Road. Turn East on Juan Tomas for 1 mile until the junction of Forest Road 252. Proceed North on Forest Road 252 approximately 1 mile and follow signs to Cedro Peak Campground.

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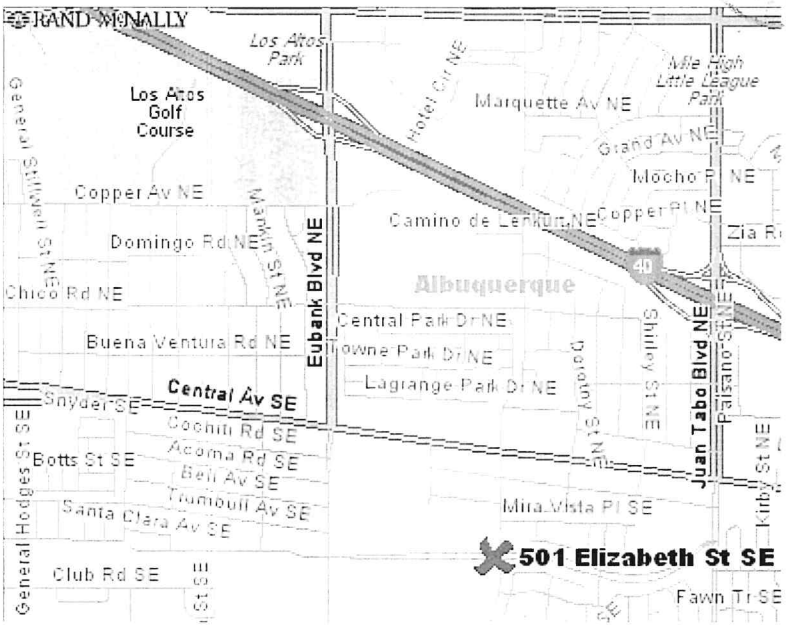
Citizen's Meeting

The Citizen's Meeting is located at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. The meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month beginning at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be on March 18th. Please contact the Seneschal, Sir Seth Williamson of Exeter at seneschal@al-barran.org for further information.

Driving Directions:
Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit (No. 165). Turn south onto Eubank Blvd. Continue on Eubank Blvd past Central Avenue. Turn left onto Southern Avenue. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth.



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